

# Buffalo, With Two Strikes, Now Under the Iron Heel

## Railroad Detectives Shoot Two Boys and Woman As Organ of Official Violence Sweeps City—Troops Run Down People in Streets.

### ARMED GUARDS FOR STREET CARS BUT PEOPLE REFUSE TO RIDE IN THEM

### Explode Firecracker On Top of Car Barn and Reptile Press Calls It Bomb Explosion and Frantically Appeals For More Thugs and Gunmen.

(Special Correspondence)

The rail shoppens' strike shares public interest with the strike of street car men in Buffalo. There have been no disorders except those instigated by the only government of the railroads and the state troopers who are patrolling the streets and leveling the few forlorn cars that have been induced to attempt to gain the ears. A very few cars are running and those that do run are for the most part empty, as the company is finding it impossible to obtain sufficient riders in them for pay in large enough numbers to create the illusion of resumption of service.

There are no cars running at all on the night runs.

### Company Firecracker Called Bomb

The capitalist press is running true to form in this strike, as in all past strikes in Buffalo. The state trooper company had some of its agents explode a firecracker on the roof of its City Springs barn last Wednesday night and a few days afterwards they had exploded the capitalist press had extra on the street with flaming headlines, declaring that bombs had been thrown on the roof of the barn.

Editorially frantic appeals were made

# MANIFESTO

OF THE UNITED TOILERS OF AMERICA TO THE MINERS, MARINE AND TRANSPORT WORKERS OF THE WORLD

FELLOW WORKERS! The miners of America are in the 15th week of the greatest strike that has ever occurred in the history of this industry. They are fighting the most ruthless and arrogant ruling class on earth—the American plutocracy.

This ruling class, centered from the World War on the most powerful of the national stage on the face of the earth. Some of the most powerful War's terrible drive on the part of the master class was waged against every form of labor unionism in the nation.

Taking advantage of the collapse of war industries and the resultant unemployment, the master class began its assault upon labor and every organization of the working class on the American continent has received untold suffering in wages and has seen many of its organizations, gained through years of struggle and sacrifice, swept away.

The workers were retreating everywhere, on all fronts, until the miners, 100,000 strong, determined to make a stand.

Their strike was called the 1st of April, this year, and their ranks have stood solid against the master class in spite of the combined assaults of gunmen, military, political judges and every form of oppression known to capitalism. They are still standing today.

Three weeks ago there was a strike of railway shopmen that has resulted in aiding the striking miners to the extent of sharing the supply of raw coal the industrial lands of the nation to transport coal from the rich mines in a few Southern States. The shutdown is now complete; the demands of industry in this country will force the coal barons to yield to the demands of the miners.

UNLESS FOREIGN COAL CAN BE OBTAINED! There have been many attempts made with a view to coal from Europe landed at American ports. The ruling class of plutocrats, the coal barons can be postponed if only they can continue the steady influx of foreign coal. The ruling class of Britain is working hard in hand with the ruling class of the United States to defeat this war.

Canada! Fellow Workers! Of Britain and of all Europe! Coal miners! Transport Workers! Seamen! Of all nations! We, the United Toilers of America, a revolutionary working class organization with thousands of members in the ranks of the struggling miners of this nation, in the name of the militant workers of the United States, appeal to you to refuse to work for the master class of the world. In this international conspiracy to crush the coal miners who are actually fighting the battle of labor.

It is they who are the American plutocracy. In fact, the miners of Great Britain will defend the work of their master class just as you will defend the work of your master class. British, French, Belgian and German coal will crush the American miners just as the master class of Europe used German imperialism to crush the British miners.

In one motion after another the movement of the working class is being defeated by the combined forces of capitalist imperialism. For there is no imaginary boundary line that keeps them separated. They stand united against the world against labor. In order to effectively resist the onslaughts of capitalism we must act on an international scale.

Against the combined forces of capitalism we must have the forces of International Labor.

Rally to the support of the struggling miners of the United States of America.

Smash the international conspiracy against labor with the United Front of the Working Class.

Long live the International Solidarity of the Working Class!

# Mooney Case Demands Immediate Action By the Forces of Labor

## Innocent Workers Start on Seventh Year of Terms in Dungeons of California, While Labor Neglects to Rally to Their Support.

### RANK AND FILE IN FAVOR OF PARDON AGITATION

### Defense Committee Calls Upon Workers Throughout the United States to Start Terrific Drive to Force Release of Victims of Frame-Up.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Mooney defense committee, in a stirring appeal issued to the organized labor movement on the anniversary of the sixth year of the imprisonment of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, innocent victims of the "open shop" hysteria of 1916 in this city, who were railroaded to prison on evidence since conclusively proven to have been "framed," states that although more than three months have passed since the committee requested that the labor movement back up the request of District Attorney Brady, Governor Stephens pardon Mooney and Billings, the response has been negligible in view of the large number of local unions in this country.

The committee stresses the fact that in the sixth year of the imprisonment of Mooney and Billings, with the acts of the "frame-up" known to all, a determined effort should be made to force the Governor to act upon the District Attorney's request at once.

The appeal follows: Six long years have passed since the inception of the Chamber of Commerce "frame-up" which has as its object the legal lynchings of five innocent trades unionists. Six years—and Mooney and Billings are still in prison.

In the past, thousands upon thousands of persons have demanded that

a state which publicly concurs in the rape of justice.

This is Our Year. Six years in just six years too long and this year that organized labor throughout the United States, but particularly in California, should rise up in might and denounce that justice be enforced.

Mooney and Billings are granted unconditional pardons at once. That demand should be backed up in no uncertain way. Labor has the power and it is used, victory is certain.

Three months have passed since District Attorney Matthew Brady, successor of the notorious Fickert, who railroaded these men to prison, is mentioned in a letter to Governor Stephens that the Governor grant immediate pardons to Mooney and Billings on the grounds of proven perjury and fraud in their trials. Three months—and Governor Stephens has remained silent.

Mooney and Billings have no more to complain in the request of the district attorney.

Will You Allow It? Are you going to allow this? Will you stand by and let Governor Stephens continue to defy the wishes of a large part of the people of the United States? Will you let him continue to mock organized labor by holding two of its militant spirits imprisoned on the rack and knife of perjured evidence? Evidence which has been proven and has had before him for consideration for months?

When District Attorney Brady made

him to grant unconditional pardons immediately. Although three months have passed, we have a record of but a scant handful of organizations which have resolutions. There are several hundred local unions in the state of California and many thousands throughout the United States—a scant handful have complied with our request.

### Labor For Release

We know the sentiment of the rank and file of labor is overwhelmingly in favor of the immediate release of Mooney and Billings and we know also that many so-called labor leaders, particularly in California, are against their release, just as they are against the activity of any progressive unionist in their own ranks.

This is the sixth year of Mooney and Billings' imprisonment. Those six years have been served ungrudgingly by them, secure in the knowledge that their continued imprisonment could only redound to the benefit of the organized labor movement by the fact that organized labor movement would secure their release.

Prison or Freedom? What are you going to do about it? Are you going to leave them there to rot in prison for six years more, with silent scorn in their hearts for a labor movement for which they gave their lives, which would not release them, or are you going to give the organized labor in the United States, do not forget its champions, by demanding at once of Governor Stephens that he release these men and by solidly backing up that demand after it is made?

Which is it to be? Freedom and renewed service for the labor movement on the part of Mooney and Billings, or continued imprisonment as a reward for their services generously given in the past?

Resolutions should be sent to Governor William D. Stephens, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif., and a copy sent to Tom Mooney, Molder's Defense Committee, Box 344, San Francisco, Calif., for their information and for publicity purposes.

# Harding Goes 'Military Tourism For Coal Mines'

## In Venemous Document Issued to Governors of 28 States the "Open Shop" President, Pleading Public Necessity, Demands Iron Heel of Militarism Upon the Necks of the Striking Miners.

### ALL OTHER EFFORTS TO CRUSH MINERS FAIL

### After Exhausting Every Device of Private Terrorism, Injunctions, Starvation, Intimidation and Murder Action by Federal Government is Final Resort of Conspirators Against Labor.

The sinister threat of the government to resort to force in order to defeat the 680,000 mine strikers, who have been out since April 1, materialized in a telegram to 28 governors of mining states, on Tuesday, July 18.

The day before, in his best flamboyant style, with a magnificent gesture, reminiscent of Napoleon, twenty and thirty giant barnstormers, he told a group of operators to return to their offices and resume coal mining. Since there were only a few mine operators present and not one of them capable of digging coal, it was, of course, impossible for them to produce coal. What Harding really meant was that he would see to it that any scabs they could obtain would be protected.

So that night he concentrated his powerful intellect upon the problem and the next day forwarded his telegrams to the governors of the various states affected by the coal strike.

### GRAND OFFICERS BPHOLD GRABBLE

Executive Council of Maintenance of Way Railway Employees' Union Supports President in His Betrayal of the Rank and File Who Voted Overwhelmingly For a Strike.

The program was an admission of the failure of all other methods, except military force, in the coal strike. Every other method had been tried and failed. The rank and file of the coal miners were standing solid as Gibraltar. Just as Harding instructed the

governors to work without interference from others, etc. Any manufacturers, the nation would have written the same sort of document against labor. While it was an admission to the various state executives it doesn't amount to much, it does serve to convict the President of the United States and his advisers of open and deliberate betrayal of the cause of the union workers and labor leaders of the United States who are so proud they imagine that they can, with impunity, refuse to force certain railroad management to abandon the arbitrary attitude of requiring our men to do the work of the strikers.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the Maintenance of Way Men are conducting negotiations with separate railroad companies and report that they hope to reach agreements very soon.

Meanwhile the strikers of the open shop are fighting to maintain the principle of unionism on the roads.

There is no need to start company with the strikers. The Maintenance of Way Men. No company union could possibly serve the interests of the railroad owners better than the arch-labor Grabble and his lickspittle executive board.

If the rank and file of the Way Men hope to preserve their organization they must eliminate this Grand Lodge clique of hirelings of capitalism at the earliest opportunity. There is no conceivable defense that these traitors can put up and any person who endorses to defend them is a disgrace to the working class movement of the United States.

### 30,000 TONS OF BRITISH COAL BEING RUSHED HERE IN EFFORT TO DEFEAT STRIKE

British coal is being rushed to the United States in view of the anniversary of the ship board, loaded with coal that will keep the industries of the Atlantic seaboard running for a few weeks longer. It was announced from Washington Monday.

Within forty-eight hours forty vessels of the Shipping Board had been chartered in England when the S.O.S. came from American industries. The coal is being transported from Wales and the East Coast of England.

The United Toilers of America has issued an appeal to the British and other European miners, transport workers and seamen to refuse to support the international blockade of coal.

There will undoubtedly be trouble in transporting this coal so soon as it is used for in the United States.

Most of the governors favor the plan and, in the immeasurable arrogance of certain politicians, entrusted with the power of governing the political slavery of a state, imagine themselves the cunning "man on horseback" in the Presidential chair, drawing the working class in the name of the nation, to the rivers of their own blood.

Allen Horns In

The half-wit governor of Kansas, Henry J. Allen, who is trying to justify

lined with rowdies in the uniforms of the state troopers, under the command of a creature named Major Chandler.

From the time of their arrival until the morning there have been no disorders except those instigated by the state troopers and the private thugs, assisted by the police force of the city, the strikers still holding out and there are no signs of wavering in the ranks.

Chief of Police Burford has issued a statement to the effect that the strike is now broken and the statement is being used for propaganda in order to induce the public to patronize the cars run by scabs.

Meanwhile the bootlegger market of the city, Schwab, is going as the friend of labor and declaring that the sheriff is applying for state troops and that therefore the policing of the city is out of his hands.

### Railroad Thugs Shoot Boys

The most serious of the disorders instigated by the thugs-patrolling the various strike districts of the city, occurred last Thursday when two boys aged 10 and 11, were shot by two railroad detectives who were herding scabs in the Erie shops. Three or four boys were pointing their fingers at the degenerates who serve as railroad guards, the lowest type of creature on the face of the earth, when one of the guards named Fred J. Holzer took aim at them, striking the two boys.

Both of them fell to the ground and were later taken to the Emergency Hospital where they are being reported dying.

They are Walter Mills, 11 years old, and Stephen Warhol, 10. At the same time they were shot by Holzer's partner, another thug, named Walter Kemp, was shooting at some boys who started to run when they saw their own partners fall. One of his shots struck Mrs. Katherine Sirebel, who was working in her home, after passing through a pane in the door.

After the shooting of the boys the entire neighborhood was soon aroused and several hundred people gathered at the scene. They soon seized the gunmen. They had concealed themselves in a railroad shanty, where they were besieged by the crowd, when city police came and rescued them. It is a noteworthy fact that the police rescued the murderers from the threats of the relatives and neighbors of the boys who were shot before they turned their attention to the boys and secured ambulances to convey them to a hospital.

The entire city is aroused to a white heat over the shooting of the boys and the vicious tactics of the relatives who have instilled a reign of terror in the city.

### UNIONS OF SCABS TO BE ORGANIZED BY R. K. COMPANIES

Suggest That the Services of Grabble Be Secured As Chief Scab Herder Because of His Record in Present Strike While Drawing Pay from Union.

Announcement has been made by L. F. Love, President of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad and Chairman of the

given to the railroad owners and scabs by the Railroad Labor Board on July 1, when the strikers were outlawed by it.

Some scabs have already organized their unions and according to Love, results have been "gratifying."

They should consult Grabble of the Maintenance of Way Men's Union. He has had long experience as a scab herder and has succeeded in making scabs out of some hundreds of thousands of formerly decent union men, against their expressed will. He is available in the delicate art of breaking strikes and betraying labor, even while drawing a last salary from labor itself.

The rank and file of his union should be notified of his services to the employer class as the plus ultra of scab herding.

### RAIL STRIKE STOPS SCAB COAL MINES

All scab coal mines in the Kentucky and Tennessee fields have been practically closed down as a result of the shopmen's strike.

J. E. McCoy, secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Operators' Association, estimated Saturday that production has decreased from more than 52,000 tons a week to 125,000 tons. Some operators cannot get cars.

Some are formerly operated five or six days a week or now either closed or running only one day, he said.

### RAILROADS DELIBERATELY DELAY MAIL SERVICE

Charges that railroads are purposely delaying the mails in an effort to bring about the calling out of Federal troops were made Thursday by T. M. Wilhoite, Chairman of the Federated Ship Crafts on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad. In a statement given out at Denver, Texas, Mr. Wilhoite asserted that mail and express trains are being sidetracked for long important strains on the system.

They will be delayed.

### MILITANT UNIONISTS

When you are waging a fight against your reactionary officials and want to know the disastrous results of incomplete leadership in relation to other unions, you should refer to the CHALLENGE. A complete file of this paper will give you the facts, featuring the treatment of labor leaders in every strike since we have been in existence.

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THE POWER OF UNITY

From the very beginning of the mine strike we have insisted upon broadening the struggle to include the railroad workers...

Such agitation has gained great headway among the rank and file of the miners and railroad workers...

Fortunately, the rail shippers' strike was forced by the arbitrary action of the Labor Board...

So swift and complete would be the victory, once the working class decides to act as a unit...

LENIN ON THE JOB AGAIN

Much to the regret of the propaganda agencies of imperialism and the kept editors of the reptile press of the world...

His first utterance since his retirement from active work was a reiteration of his declaration before the Congress of mental workers last Spring...

This will end, for a time at least, all the absurd speculations about whether Russia would have as successor to Lenin a triumvirate...

Like the historians of the bourgeoisie, the newspaper writers are always harking back to a dead age in order to furnish trappings for their shallow pretense of understanding the spirit of current history...

Lenin is valuable, sometimes it has seemed that he is almost indispensable, because of his wide experience in the revolutionary movement...

THE LEADING STATESMAN

The Republican State Committee of New York, in a resolution last week, referred to Governor Miller as "the leading statesman of the day..."

It is plain that the New York republicans are preparing to launch a drive to put Miller over as the Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1924...

He was picked by Elbert H. Gary and his cohorts, not because he knew anything, but because he never had an idea in his life and would

be a plant tool of the industrial barons of the United States. His oratorical efforts remind one of the high-school students on graduation day...

Such is the "statesmanship" of capitalism in its decadence.

PURITANICAL CENSORSHIP

A few days ago a half dozen mayors, under the leadership of a man named John S. Sumner, who is the successor of the late unpublished Anthony Comstock...

In all circles professing even a slight degree of human intelligence, the works of the three authors referred to are considered classics.

Mr. Sumner is his successor. In a nation, admittedly composed of a large majority of morons, Mr. Sumner classifies as a bigot. This is not to minimize the degree of human intelligence that can be estimated...

Psychologically it is easy to account for them. They are such degenerates that they cannot restrain their perverted desires in the presence of undrugged nature...

THE MOONEY CASE

It has now been more than six years since Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings were arrested, charged with throwing a "bomb" into a preparedness parade at San Francisco.

Before the trial, during the trial and after the trial, in the long struggle to save these men from the gallows, the organs of the labor movement, and particularly the militant portion of the labor movement, stood gallantly by these workers...

The threats of nation-wide strikes, combined with tireless activity toward arousing public sentiment against the foul attempt of the loathsome Pickert, prosecuting attorney of San Francisco, to hang representatives of labor for having the intelligence to organize the forces of labor against the street rackets barons of Frisco...

We did well then, as it gave us time to prepare for the day of liberation for these victims of capitalism. But the months of agonizing wait have dragged into empty years for these workers...

Not less contemptible than the frame-up itself, has been the vicious tactics of the so-called labor leaders of California and particularly of San Francisco. They saw an opportunity to dispose of one of the militants in the labor movement...

Instead of destroying the organizations of labor, the militant is the only person who is consciously working toward their preservation.

But those men and women who so valiantly fought to save Mooney from the gallows should again get in action and save him and Billings from living death behind the stark walls of San Quentin.

Let every militant get busy in his union and again make the nation ring with protests against their human hyenas who would force men to rot their lives away in jail for organizing the working class, which is always a crime against capitalism.

ROBERTSON QUALIFIES

The new president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Daniel B. Robertson, has qualified as a labor saint. He is a worthy successor to his predecessor, Carter. The seer so long held by Carter and wielded against the membership of the Firemen's Union and in the interest of the railway magnates is in safe hands.

The first act of Robertson is one calculated to reassure the American plunderer that the policy of treachery and betrayal of labor that has vitiated the railroad brotherhoods will have a staunch supporter in the new head of that brotherhood.

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THE GERMAN CRISIS

By Karl Rubin

In spite of its many threats against the Right League, the German Government has not the courage to act against them. But the situation in Germany demands action, and this action must be taken now.

One sign of it in the fall of last year, when Erbert was assassinated, the working masses arose to demonstrate against the monarchists and for the Republic. The Communist movement in hand with the Social Democratic workers, but they demonstrate not for the Social Democratic and bourgeois Government, but against the Ludendorff and Heilferrich clique.

Chancellor Wirth makes the impression of a sincere and honest man with plebeian inclinations. But what are his sentiments, if the same Wirth-Government should be able to do anything for the masses?

The German democratic Government cannot strike at the Right, not only because it always holds the right to strike at the work of the Right, but also because the simple reason that the economic policy of the German Government forces the masses of the intelligentsia and petty bourgeoisie towards the extreme Right.

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TO ARTHUR HENDERSON

By James Ramsay Mac Donald

The underground has received the following telegram: "We stand with great anxiety over the trial and beg that for the sake of the future you remain loyal in word and spirit to the pledges you made to us at Berlin."

Your telegram has filled us with the greatest astonishment. You suggest that we should not be able to remember for the sake of the future the Berlin agreement. But whose future? Of the future of the proletariat or of a clique in party and union?

Since when has the international work, have relations, and the proletariat an increasing exploitation? Your actions are the answer to these questions. Have you forgotten that it was the Second International, which in the past has betrayed the working class a hundred times and has, by its hindering the holding of the World Labor Congress in April or May upon the finest pretext, endangered the future of the working class?

What was the object of this Congress? To reply to the call of the Executive of the Second International, which by the closing of the ranks of the international proletariat in an indivisible united front. You, Henderson and Mac Donald, together with your companions of the Second International, with Wirth and Vandenberg, with your accomplices of the 24th International, have broken the united front of the proletariat in order to preserve your united front with the world bourgeoisie. And you speak of your anxiety for the future. You have the right to demand that we remain loyal to the pledges we gave in Berlin. Have you forgotten that the representatives of the Second International, protected and guarded by the representatives of the 24th International, have broken only broken an agreement in "word and spirit" but also in action, and have trampled it underfoot?

Since when has a contract been binding for one party only? The Executive of the Second International, under the protection of the ambiguous and unctuous phrases of the 24th International, has rejected the arrangement for an early holding of the International Labor Congress, it has torn up the Berlin agreement, it has broken the united front of the proletariat, it has no right to demand from the other side the keeping of a mutual agreement.

Although you and your like have broken the Berlin agreement, you have not broken the united front of the proletariat. You have broken the united front of the proletariat in order to preserve your united front with the world bourgeoisie. And you speak of your anxiety for the future. You have the right to demand that we remain loyal to the pledges we gave in Berlin. Have you forgotten that the representatives of the Second International, protected and guarded by the representatives of the 24th International, have broken only broken an agreement in "word and spirit" but also in action, and have trampled it underfoot?

It is easier to slander the Revolution far from Moscow than legally to justify the counter-revolutionaries in Moscow. You speak of your "great anxiety" for the future of the proletariat. You have forgotten that this great anxiety did not hold fast against your greater anxiety to protect the world bourgeoisie against the united front of the world proletariat. When you rejected the call of the World Labor Congress for a certain definite date, you unmasked your great anxiety for the lives of the 47 Social Revolutionaries as pure hypocrisy. The heads of the accused were and are to be the eyes of political children to your shameful bond with the bourgeoisie. These heads were and are nothing to you but loaded dice, which you have thrown on the board of our negotiations in order to receive the proletariat's money.

You, Henderson and Mac Donald, remained silent in your speeches, did not advertise your great anxiety for human life by telegrams and articles, when your German friends, the Social Revolutionaries, Karl Liebknecht, Leo Jogiches and thousands and thousands of revolutionary workers. Where was and is your great anxiety for the thousands of political prisoners who today suffer the most terrible conditions in the prisons of the world? In Yugoslavia, Romania, the United States, India, South Africa and in other lands while their wives, children and their aged parents suffer need and deprivation? In Germany, in whose governments you succeed at degrading freedom, Radebech and Co. sit, in every country, the rule and dictatorship of owners and exploiters today would be at an end, if you had your like did not stand up guard before them. Where was your great anxiety in the conduct and spirit of the trial, which as Peoples' Courts in Hungary and as Special Courts in Central Germany, sept, with the blessings of your friend Ebert, revolutionary workers in hundreds to their death, in thousands to the jails.

You are frankly. Your great anxiety for human life, sleep calm and undisturbed when the merciless White Terror of bourgeois class justice raged against the revolutionary workers. It awakes however, and wings its hands, with the same hands, and your friends and comrades, a revolutionary court deal with death, which had as their aim, the overthrow of this same workers' government, and the murder of the best leaders of the Russian Revolution and of the world proletariat. As protectors of the Social Revolutionaries, you and your friends, you will continue to work with all our strength for the proletarian united front, without you and your friends and against you and your friends. Unity with you and your friends will be possible on that day when you and your friends will be the partners and adherents of the bourgeoisie, of the capitalist order, and when you and your kind begin to fight for and with the proletariat against the bourgeoisie.

For the delegation to the Berlin Conference of the three Executive:

(Signed) Barbara, Frossard, Radebech, Zetkin, June 29, 1922

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